

# Overseas Press Club Bulletin

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## Up-and-Coming

**Wed. Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.** — A Book-night with C.L. Sulzberger, former *New York Times* correspondent, around his newest book, "Such a Peace: Yalta Revisited."

**Fri. Nov. 19, 6-7:30 p.m.** — Jazz Headliners and Overseas Jazz Club honor Andy Kirk and His Clouds of Joy — Main Lounge, \$5, first come, first seated.

**Mon. Nov. 22, 12 noon** — New date for James G. Wiegart, *New York Daily News* editor, to tell us about what's going on at the *News*. Members, \$16; guests, \$18.

**Tues. Nov. 30** — Preview of "Gandhi," a new movie that will be a spectacular. At the Columbia Pictures Preview Studio, 711 Fifth Ave. Restricted to first 70 reservations with Mary Novick. Members only.

**Tues. Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m.** — *International Herald Tribune* Publisher Lee Huebner will discuss "Global Publishing and Its Future." Phil Foisie, editor, will also be present.

**Thurs. Dec. 16** — Our Christmas Party. Save the date. Details later.

**Fri. Jan. 14** — Reunion of former Moscow correspondents at 7th Regiment Armory. For info and reservations, Mary Novick at the OPC office.

Members Free; guests \$3 for all 5:30 Discussion Programs.

## Trib Expands in Asia

The *International Herald Tribune* is expanding its Asian coverage by publishing an edition in Singapore as well as in Hong Kong, where it has been publishing for several years. Singapore will be its fifth publication site, the others, in addition to Hong Kong, being Paris, London and Zurich. Circulation is reported as more than 140,000 in 164 countries.

## Club to Seek More Members, More \$

### Trib Publisher Talks "Globally"

Lee Huebner, publisher of the *International Herald-Tribune* will talk to OPC members and guests on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 P.M., about "Global Publishing and Its Future."

The *International Herald-Tribune* circulates every day in 164 countries. While the paper originates in Paris, it is printed simultaneously in London, Zurich, Hong Kong and Singapore, and will undoubtedly be printed in many more countries in the near future.

The *Tribune* feels that it offers a window on the U.S.A. to all countries to which it is distributed throughout the world. Certainly, no American traveling abroad can find the kind of coverage this paper offers in any other journal.

Phil Foisie, who is editor of the *Tribune* will also be present, and there will be a question and answer period following the talk.

The OPC is fortunate this year in having the paper sponsor one of our important Awards. Since so many of our members have been very close to the operation of this newspaper, we expect a full house and we would suggest that members reserve in advance.

## El Salvador Raids U.S. News Bureaus

Last month security forces of El Salvador searched the offices of the AP, UPI, NBC, CBS and ABC and interrogated their personnel. William J. Small, UPI president, sent a protest to President Alvaro Magana, who replied that his forces were merely seeking illegal radio equipment. Some equipment - radio scanners - was confiscated from CBS and AP. President Magan said he was "a fervent supporter of freedom and information."

### Money Problems Persist and Grow

How to alleviate the ailing financial condition of the club furrowed the brows of its board of governors at their October 27 meeting. Treasurer **Charlie Brophy**, running down the club's financial figures, found nothing to cheer about. But his suggestion of a drive for new members was quickly seconded by President **Anita Diamant** as one of the best ways to increase club revenues.

So a drive for new members will be mounted, President Diamant suggesting that some printed materials about the club be prepared to help in recruitment.

Treasurer Brophy, finding the *Bulletin* one of the club's major expenses, urged again that some cheaper way be found of getting it out. One way to make it less costly, he noted, was to get paid advertising into it. **Henry Gellermann**, who is setting up to produce a new *Dateline*, said that he was already considering offering *Dateline* and the *Bulletin* to advertisers as a package. He suggested also that a big help in getting advertising would be to offer the usual ad agency commissions, something the club has never done.

**Norman Schorr**, the club's monitor on freedom of the press and press people, reported on his committee's activity in lodging protests against harassment of newsmen anywhere in the world, with some evidence of success.

Following Schorr's presentation the suggestion was made that the upcoming issue of *Dateline* be devoted to press freedom as its theme.

**Gloria Zukerman** and **George Krinsky**, who arrange the club's programs, reported on upcoming events. **Gloria Watson**, in charge of merriment, announced that the club's Christmas party would be held on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The annual membership meeting of the club followed right after the board's meeting. It was sparsely attended.



## Letters

SEOUL — The fifth World Media Conference, which took place here the whole week of Oct. 5, was devoted to the theme "Social Values and Issues in the Media." More than 270 participated, most of them press people from 74 nations. Bo Hi Pak, president of News World Communications, host to the conference, declared in his opening address:

"The media in this age of communication is an awesome tool. Like any tool, it is neither good nor bad. But depending on how it is used, it can create the highest good or the worst evil."

Principal speaker was Douglas MacArthur II, former U.S. ambassador to Japan and a nephew of the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He suggested that the media can learn from the Korean experience, praising American coverage of the Korean war for its depth of background and understanding.

OPC'er James R. Whelan, editor and publisher of the *Washington (D.C.) Times*, told of its beginnings and its competition with the *Washington Post*.

Other participants included Soon Whan Cho, an editor of the *Hanook II Bo News*; former bureau director in the U.S., Young Hie Kim, editorial writer, *Joong Ang II Bo News*; former Washington bureau director; and Chong In Hong, Korean Press Institute and Korean Newspaper Editors Assn. — Young Sick, Kim

## Rotkin Tells Photogs How to Survive

Our own Charles E. Rotkin has a new book out, "Professional Photographer's Survival Guide," just published by Watson-Guptill. Two years in the making, Rotkin's guide covers the survival problems of the professional photographer from the time he first hangs out his shingle to the time he retires.

It includes interviews with some of the greatest photographic survivors of our time, including OPC's Art Rothstein, Alfred Eisenstaedt, Carl Mydans and others, several of whom have had their work exhibited in our gallery.

A section from "the other side of the desk" talks with the top users of photography, including two managing editors from *Life* and picture editors and art directors from every important publication and many agencies.

## Reel Gandhi Is a Real Gandhi



Ben Kingsley (left), who plays Gandhi, with Director Richard Attenborough on the set somewhere in India.

Advance notices by movie producers usually have to be taken with a pinch of salt. But the advance word we have about the upcoming film "Gandhi" is that it is an epic for the ages. It is the fulfillment of a 20-year ambition of Richard Attenborough, one of Britain's leading actors and directors, which gripped him when he read a biography of Gandhi. He has produced and directed it.

OPCers are privileged, through the good offices of our own Hester Hensell, to be able to preview "Gandhi" at the Columbia Pictures private screening room at 711 Fifth

Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Filming will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., when there will be a brief break for a light dinner, with filming to conclude after it. Members only will be admitted, and reservations, limited to the first 70, must be made with Mary Novick.

"Gandhi's" cast includes such acting luminaries as Candice Bergen, Edward Fox, John Gielgud, Trevor Howard, John Mills and Martin Sheen, with Ben Kingsley playing the Mahatma. The film was written by John Briley. Kingsley, half Indian, bears a striking resemblance to the Mahatma.

## PR News Honors Mobil's Schmertz

Ever since OPC'er Denny Griswold co-founded *Public Relations News* in 1944 as the first independent PR weekly in the world, she has been plugging the cause of professionalism in PR. Last month at PR News' annual awards luncheon at the Pierre she awarded the honor of "Public Relations Professional of the Year" to Herbert Schmertz, VP for public affairs for Mobil Oil Corp. Schmertz was a pioneer in using newspaper and TV advertising to express corporate interest and concern in public affairs and to offer suggestions in the public interest.

## Gellermann, Finke to Run Awards Dinner

President Anita Diamant has announced the appointment of Henry Gellermann as chairman of the club's annual Awards Dinner, a job he has handled for several years. The dinner will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel the night of Thursday, May 5, 1983.

Gellermann said that he will appoint a "small, but working" committee.

Blythe Foote Finke, UN correspondent for the Voice of America, will head the Awards Committee, which provides the reason for the dinner.

Gellermann is also publisher of *Dateline*, the club's annual publication distributed at the dinner.



## Muscovite Reunion Set for Jan. 14

Date and site are set for OPC's Moscow Reunion '83. It will be Jan. 14, a Friday, at the 7th Regiment Armory, 67th Street and Park Avenue in New York City.

Letters of invitation are going out now to some 100 living former correspondents who once covered the Big Potato for a U.S. news organization, but we need your help in identifying those who have escaped into anonymous retirement.

If you plan to come to this third historic reunion (the others were in 1958 and 1971), you don't have to wait for an invitation: Just send your name, affiliation and address to the OPC office, 52 East 41st St., NYC 10017, with a check for \$30 each for you and your spouse, if bringing one.

The Reunion Committee of **Whit Bassow**, **George Krimsky** and **Henry Cassidy** is also inviting the six living ambassadors to the USSR — bet you can't name them.

— George Krimsky

## Obituary

### William J. Papp

**William J. Papp**, retired medical writer, editor and publisher — and a long-time member of the OPC — died September 24 following a long illness. He was 62 and made his home in Portland, Oregon, where he moved in 1980 from Greenwich, Conn. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and son, Robert.

Bill edited several medical and clinical journals, including *Consultant*, *Psychosomatics*, *the Journal of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine*; *Chronic Disease Management*; *Journal of Breast Diseases*; *Medical Marketing Digest*; the *HMO Newsletter*, and *Trustee, Journal for Hospital Governing Boards*. In 1973, Bill was given the New York Chapter of the American Medical Writers Association's award for distinguished service to medical journalism.

His career also included newspaper and magazine work in Chicago, New York and Portland, early television production and scripts, and books on business topics.

During World War II, Bill was a combat correspondent with the U.S. Coast Guard and earned combat citations in North Africa, Salerno and Anzio.

## Israel Life Goes On So Does the War

TEL AVIV — David Aikman, bureau chief of *Time*, and head of the Foreign Press Association, transferred to China. Gideon Berli, upped to his former post to head the FPA. Andrew Meisels, recently with the local office of ABC, now wears the insignia of Satellite News Channels, and was cited by his boss, S. William Scott, for his work, one of the reasons SNC earned praise from *Time* for its news coverage. Andrew has just finished his first book, and his wife Martha writes a weekly page of consumer news for the *Jerusalem Post*.

Charles Wolfson, CBS bureau chief, transferred to Washington, replaced by Warren Lewis, an 11-year CBS veteran. Arik Backer, Reuters, Tel Aviv, joins Reuters International in London. His replacement is Alan Elsnor, who has just completed his army stint. David Rogers has headed the office since February.

The War in Lebanon is still being fought in nearly every family and social gathering. If it doesn't stop, a UN peacekeeping force will have to be sent to every home here. Such arguments! Otherwise everything is quiet and peaceful.

— Max Gendel

## OPC Protest Helps To Free Editor

Q.N. Zaman, editor of the Bangladesh News Weekly, *Naya Padadhani*, whose imprisonment had been protested by the OPC and other press organizations, has been freed on bail.

The Bangladesh desk at the U.S. State Department telephoned the Club's Freedom of the Press Committee on Friday, Oct. 29, to relay this message from the U.S. Embassy in Dacca:

Lt. General H.M. Ershad, Chief Martial Law Administrator, had held a press conference in the Bangladesh capital to announce that Zaman was being released on bail pending trial.

Held in the Dacca Central Jail since March 1982, Zaman was charged originally with writing critically about the secret trial and execution in 1981 of 31 army officers implicated in the assassination of Pres. Ziaur Rahman. A retired army commander, Zaman was a veteran of the 1971 war which liberated Bangladesh from Pakistan.

The Bangladesh desk told the OPC on Oct. 29 that a new charge of "corruption" was being levelled at the editor.

## Placement

WANTED: Lux apt (4-5 rms) Cen. Pk, East or Hudson Rivers. 60-yr-old couple wish to live in NYC for 1 month (Jan or Feb). Can furnish impeccable references. Details can be worked out. Call 215-374-6343 collect, or write: Mrs. George Manderbach, 1555 Reading Blvd., Wyomissing, Pa. 19610.

Well-known foreign news reporter stationed in Rome, fluent in Italian and English, seeks added connections for overseas coverage in news, fashion, cosmetics, etc. Can be reached at Manhattan phone number: (212) 758-5684.

## New Applications

### ACTIVE RESIDENT

**Holly Garrison-Repp**; Food Editor, Parents Magazine  
Sponsors: *Betty Etter, Ben Greenwald*

### ACTIVE NONRESIDENT

**Bryce Nelson**; Reporter, *Los Angeles Times*  
Sponsors: *Jessie Stearns, Donald H. Shannon*

### ASSOCIATE RESIDENTS

**Madelyn Klein Anderson**; Senior Ed., Simon & Schuster

Sponsors: *Ben Greenwald, Patricia L. Shlan*

**Frank Hamilton**; Press Officer, Irish Govt. Agency Shannon Dev.

Sponsors: *Nathan Goldstein, Charles Brophy*

**Muriel H. Merkel**; Free lance writer

Sponsors: *Ben Greenwald, Patricia L. Shlan*

**Douglas M. Molitor**; Corp. Communications, Fluor Corp.

Sponsors: *Ben Greenwald, Bang Phi Nguyen*

### ASSOCIATE NONRESIDENT

**James M. Jarvela**; University Relations Counselor, Gehrung Associates

Sponsors: *Dwight E. Sargent, Ben Greenwald*

In concert with other press organizations, the OPC asked Gen. Ershad to insure a public trial for the editor, with access to legal counsel and a fair opportunity to defend himself. The OPC also asked U.S. Ambassador Jane Coon in Bangladesh to help obtain a fair trial for Zaman.

Other press organizations which joined in the protest included: Committee to Protect Journalists, Society of Professional Journalists, the Newspaper Guild and others.

— Norman A. Schorr



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## Who, What, Where

By Rosalind Massow

**NEWS WINNING TEAM** . . . James Gray is \$5,000 richer this month thanks to the tenacity of newswoman **Jeanne Toomey** — his wife. Gray, a freelance photographer to Jeanne's prose, won the Five Grand playing Zingo in the *N.Y. Daily News*. Last May he won \$50 and since then Jeanne wouldn't let up. He'll continue to play, especially after the big win. Some of the money is earmarked for the college fund for their first grandchild due this month.

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**ACQUIRES FILM RIGHTS** . . . Warner Bros. bought the film rights for "The Sea Shepherd," a book by Paul Watson, Warren Rogers and OPCer **Joe Newman**. Our own president **Anita Diamant** agented the deal. The book is based on the experiences of Paul Watson, a vigilant crusader against the extinction of whales and seals.

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**RETURNS TO AMAZON** . . . In 1943, as a staff correspondent for UP, **William H. Lander** did a series on rubber production in the Amazon. This month he returns to that exotic locale to journey down the river on the motorship *World Discovery* in the company of his wife, Margaret, scientists and others. They will begin their voyage in Iquitos, Peru.

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**LIGHTING THE SEAS** . . . **Jack Birns**, former prize-winning *Life* photographer and now president of Birns Oceanographics, Inc., of Hollywood, was awarded the largest underwater lighting contract in the history of the motion picture business. He will light up a special 3-D version of *Jaws III* for Alan Landsburg Productions. Twenty 1000-watt Snooper II lights will be used to illuminate most of the underwater photography.

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**ARRANGES MEMBER DISCOUNTS** If you're planning a trip to Palma di Mallorca, Spain, and have a hankering to stay at the 13th century castle hotel Son Vida there, contact **Theodore Macauley**, 74 Blenheim Crescent, London, W. 11, England - (phone - 01-221-3181). Macauley has made an arrangement for off-season discounts for OPCers at the hostelry.

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**OPC SUPPORT SYSTEM** . . . **John Groth**, who produced more than 100 drawings for "Journey to Pleasant Hill, The Civil War Letters of Captain

Elijah P. Petty," between last December and April, has come up for air after that monumental task. Now that the book is published (The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures) Groth wants to thank OPCers **Jim Hill**, who drew up the contracts, **John Koenig**, who handled the legal work, **Al Engler**, who hosted him at his North Carolina home while he finished the job, and members of Groth's Wednesday luncheon group at the OPC.

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**FESTIVAL OF PLAYS** . . . Not only is **Milli Janz** an executive director of the New Theatre of North Jersey, but a playwright to boot. Her one-acter, "Computer Love," was one of four one-act plays presented recently at Pompton Plains, N.J. The occasion was the annual Senior Citizen Six Town Festival.

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**IN SICK BAY** . . . **Robert Queen** awaiting by-pass surgery at New York University Hospital Center.

## "Inter-Americanism" Wins Award for UPI

United Press International, which pioneered in Latin-American news coverage soon after its founding in 1907, has been given the Maria Moors Cabot Award "for its outstanding record in the furthering of inter-American solidarity, and in the continuing battle for freedom of the press." Other recipients were William Long, city editor, *Miami Herald*; Daniel Samper, writer, *El Tiempo*, Bogota; and Frances R. Grant, secretary-general, Inter-American Association for Democracy and Freedom.

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## OPCers Enjoy Sipping Wine Columbus Missed

Even though Christopher Columbus sailed to the New World from Jerez (Sherry country), ol' Chris never had it so good as the 60-odd OPCers who trekked to the Casa de Espana on 39th Street for a Sherry and Tapas Tasting. Appropriately, it was Columbus Day.

Our own OPC oenophile, **Robert Jay Misch**, officiated at the event, which was hosted by the Sherry Wine Information Bureau, headed by **Irving Smith Kogan** ("Smitty"), and another Press Club member.

Five different Sherries were served, accompanied by appropriate and typical Tapas. What? You don't know what is Tapas? Well, Tapas are Spanish hors d'oeuvres that are served in every home, bar, restaurant and function in Spain, before the meal, to accompany the Sherry aperitif. Tapas include sausages, cheeses, olives, baked turnovers, etc. etc.

The OPC members and guests enjoyed a plethora of Tapas as they tasted:

Two dry Sherries — a dry Fino and an ultra-dry Manzanilla

An in-between Sherry — popular Amontillado

Two delectable sweeter Sherries, an Oloroso and a Cream

The crowd gave them all a rousing ole. Ditto, **Bob Misch**, for his splendid commentary which continued through the Tasting.

(Watch for the next Wine Event)

**The Club will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.**

